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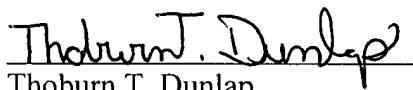
### ELECTION OF SPECIES

Under item 2 of the Office Action the Examiner required an election of a single disclosed species pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, applicants elect the species disclosed in Example 8 wherein the iodine reagent (R-I) has a nitrile radical stabilizing group and is selected from iodoacetonitrile, the free radical initiator is AIBN, and the monomer is n-butyl acrylate. Claims 35, 37, 39, 40, 44, 45, and 46 read on the elected species.

### REMARKS

Applicants herewith elect the claims of Group I (claims 35 to 59 and 69 to 84) for prosecution on the merits. An election of species has also been made as set forth immediately above. Applicants respectfully query the Examiner if it was his intent to include claims 47 to 58 in Group I since these claims are directed to di-iodine reagents of the formula I-R-I whereas the iodine reagents of claims 35 et seq. are directed to mono-iodine reagents of the formula I-R. If the Examiner wishes to address the issue by telephone, applicants' agent can be reached at 216-447-5918.

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